

iCommunication #3: IPA: English Pronunciation Training | Improve Your Accent & Speak Clearly

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hey guys I know you're super keen to

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improve your English pronunciation and

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to do that you need two things a native

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English speaker and a super amazing tool

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called the IPA the international

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phonetic alphabet huh

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don't worry I'm going to tell you all

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about it in just a minute

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in lots of languages each letter

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represents only one sound so it's easy

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to try and pronounce words just by

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looking at how the word is spelt but

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English isn't like this no no no no no

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no nope nope nope when you see letters

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in an English word they won't always be

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pronounced the same way take the letter

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C for example in the word cup it's

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pronounced cut but that's different to

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the word place and when a c is next to a

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hey CH it's often chip like in chocolate

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but in the word ake it's pronounced like

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a cut again here this is why the

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International phonetic alphabet is such

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a great tool for English students to

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practice their pronunciation with and I

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use it all the time when I'm teaching

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pronunciation lessons in the IPA every

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sound has a unique symbol so when you

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read it you know exactly how to

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pronounce the English word for example

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the words though thought and cough all

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have the same Oh ugh spelling but

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actually they're pronounced very

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differently though thought and cough now

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these symbols might seem a little scary

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to you especially if you haven't seen

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the IPA before but actually they're so

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helpful for you when you're learning

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English pronunciation because it tells

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you exactly how to say the word Oh

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Koff so even if you've never heard of

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these symbols before don't freak out in

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today's lesson we're going to go through

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the International phonetic alphabet

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together now there's 26 letters in the

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English alphabet right but there are 44

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different sounds way more than there are

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letters that's why I use the IPA to help

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my students when they're studying

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English pronunciation let's look at

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vowels first there are five English

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vowels aren't there a oh I oh and you

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but there are way more English vowel

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sounds some of them are long some of

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them are short and some of them are just

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lazy let's go through them e e o o

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err

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oh all ah ah are oh there's another

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group of vowel sounds called diphthongs

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now don't worry about remembering that

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crazy name all you need to do is

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remember the sounds diphthongs are

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sounds that change from one vowel sound

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to another but in the same syllable so

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watch my mouth position change as I make

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each of these sounds ear air or al Oh a

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I we so we've been through valves and

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diphthongs now we'll move on to

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consonants the top row are unvoiced

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consonant sounds which means that the

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sound is made by air moving from the

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back of your mouth through and out your

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lips there is one extra letter that is

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unvoiced down the bottom then all the

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rest of the consonant sounds are voiced

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which means that the sound is made here

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with your vocal cords are you can feel

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it here and unvoiced sounds use just air

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you can't feel anything here

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huh

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tip

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shit Shh

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but mmm mmm Jim this is good what you

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well that's it for this lesson

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make sure you go to my website and

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download the free worksheet to help you

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practice the IPA sounds the link is in

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lesson which is all about English vowels

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now

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see you then

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